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Dear Sirs

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I enclose two copies of my search report and a copy of the citations.

Plurality of invention

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

Claims 1, 5, 6 and 7: An apparatus and method characterised by a packer positioned in a solid or a slotted tubular member.

Claims 9 to 11: An apparatus and method for fluidically isolating annular sections characterised by an expandable tubular member, a sealing member and an expansion cone for expanding the tubular member.

Claims 12 and 13: A packer and method for operating the packer characterised by a radially expandable tubular member and a sealing member.

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Yours faithfully

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Databases searched:

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Other: Online: EPODOC, JAPIO, WPL, TXTEP, TXTGB, TXTUS, TXTWO.

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
A, P	GB 2370301 A (BAKER HUGHES INC.). See whole document in particular figures 1a to 5b and 11 to 19, page 7 lines 1 to 21, and page 51 line 21 to page 16 line 20.	
A	GB 2343691 A (SHELL). See whole document especially figures 1 to 2d.	
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